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(Paper No. 463)

* 5182 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC UNIVERSITY OVERSIGHT—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) How does public oversight of the management of public universities currently occur?
 - (a) What are the mechanisms, regulations, laws and policies for public oversight?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that current NSW legislation, introduced during the premiership of Barry O'Farrell, watered down provisions for independent oversight and accountability of university executives and senior management?
- (3) Is it true that student and staff representation on university governing bodies has been reduced and the powers of academic senates to review or question executive decisions have also been reduced or removed in universities in NSW?
 - (a) Is this consistent with their public funding and mission?
- (4) What steps has the Minister taken regarding the use of 'commercial-in-confidence' clauses to shield university executives from financial scrutiny and accountability?
- (5) What consultation with staff and students are required by university executives for decisions about staffing, curricula and expenditure?
 - (a) Are there plans to mandate increased consultation?
- (6) Given the importance of the tertiary sector in terms of the education of our young people, the vital research it conducts, and its major contribution to the country's economy, why is there no federal or state legislation specifying the manner in which formal consultation with staff by university management should occur over all of these issues?
- (7) Based on five-year averages, which university faculties and schools in the state/territory have the highest levels of international student enrolments?
- (8) Based on five-year averages, which university faculties and schools employ the most casuals to teach international students?
 - (a) If this information is not available, why not?
- (9) Why are statistical and financial details that used to be contained in the annual reports of public universities only ten to fifteen years ago no longer contained in those reports?
- (10) In what ways are universities required to conduct due diligence of their finances?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW public universities are autonomous institutions responsible for their own administration. They are subject to regulation by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) whilst other Commonwealth bodies have responsibility for matters such as the collection of data on international student enrolments and university staff.

The Universities Governing Bodies Act 2011 (NSW) aims to give universities flexibility while ensuring key stakeholders remain appropriately represented. I am advised there has been no legislative change to the powers of Academic Senates to review or question executive decisions.

The Treasurer is responsible for the Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984, which prescribes a list of content that must be included in the annual list of statutory bodies, including universities.

* 5186 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TOLLS IN THE BUDGET—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) For each financial year since 2011, please outline the revenue and expenditure line items resulting in the final toll road figure as published in the budget.

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW audited financial statements are in Annual Reports, available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 5187 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FINES IN THE BUDGET—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) For each financial year since 2011, please outline the revenue and expenditure line items resulting in the final fines figure as published in the budget.

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

* 5188 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FINES FOR TRUCK DRIVERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) At a recent public hearing of the Senate's inquiry into the Australian road transport industry, the committee heard evidence of heavy fines imposed on truck drivers by Transport for NSW for minor indiscretions and discrepancies including spelling mistakes. One driver provided evidence that he was fined \$5000 by Transport for NSW for not giving the yellow copy of one page in his work-diary to himself as an owner-driver. How was this decision reached and how was the fine calculated?
- (2) The Chair of the Senate's inquiry into the Australian road transport industry, Senator Glenn Sterle from Western Australia received the following account from a driver: "I have been an interstate driver for a number of years and on three occasions, I have missed the turn off to Mount White southbound due to weather conditions and simply missing the turn off. Last year I missed the turn off. I turned around and went to the northbound weigh station and informed the officers of what I had done. They went through my log book and stamped my logbook with the time and they then gave me directions to get back onto the highway to go back to Sydney. When I got my fine, I wrote to the police explaining what had happened and gave them a photo proof on my logbook that I had turned around and done the right thing however I was still fined for this offense." If a driver has acknowledged that they have done the wrong thing, like in the above account, and have made efforts to remedy the situation, why did Transport for NSW pursue this fine?
- (3) At the same inquiry, Senator Sterle also received an account from a driver who was fined almost \$700 because he abbreviated Coffs Harbour to 'Coffs Hbr' in his work diary.
 - (a) When the intent of the driver is this clear, why was this driver fined?
 - (b) How was the amount of this fine determined?
- (4) How many fines has Transport for NSW issued to heavy vehicle truck drivers per year, over the last 5 years, for spelling mistakes?
- (5) What dollar amount in fines has Transport for NSW issued to heavy vehicle truck drivers per year, over the last 5 years, for spelling mistakes?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Compliance Operations Inspectors are guided by the legislation which sets out the schedule of penalties, infringement penalties and demerit points.

With this particular type of offence, Inspectors generally take an education approach as opposed to imposing a penalty for what appear to be first offences. Where the offence may appear again, with a separate Inspector for example, the approach is generally for further education. If a penalty was deemed necessary, it would be managed via Penalty Notice “Driver not give information to record keeper as prescribed” which has a fine amount of \$336. TfNSW would need to review the matter raised by the driver, including assessment of the evidence presented at the public hearing, to understand the details of the \$5,000 penalty claim.

- (2) In the situation where a driver fails to enter a checking station, after processing a vehicle and driver at Mount White Heavy Vehicle Safety Station (HVSS) northbound, TfNSW Inspectors will advise a driver to re-enter the HVSS southbound screening lane from the M1 Motorway. This will create a sighting of the vehicle and, if manned, the vehicle will be directed to enter the HVSS to be re-processed by Inspectors. Where there are special circumstances that led to the offence, this information can be used by a driver or operator in making representations in the usual manner if a penalty is received. Advice on making representations can be found on the rear of the notice. However, in this instance representations on this matter appear to have been made to the NSW Police Force. TfNSW would require details of the penalty issued to determine which agency, in effect, issued the notice.

- (3)
- (a) TfNSW would require details of the offence in order to review this matter. Such details would include a copy of the Penalty Notice and/or vehicle registration.
- (b) TfNSW Inspectors are guided by the legislation which sets out the schedule of penalties, infringement penalties and demerit points. Entries in work diaries must be clear, unambiguous and capable of being reasonably understood. Action is only taken against a driver for using abbreviations or making spelling mistakes if:
- (i) the officer cannot reasonably determine the meaning of an entry or its accuracy; or
- (ii) there is reasonable belief that the abbreviation or mistake is deliberately intended to confuse or mislead.

Inspectors must consider the driver’s literacy level when dealing with spelling mistakes, use of abbreviations and poor legibility. This must be considered in determining whether to take action against a breach. If a penalty was deemed necessary for this matter, it would be managed via Penalty Notice “Driver not record prescribed info in written work diary” which carries a fine amount of \$168 under section 301 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law - Recording information in written work diary.

The value of a fine is determined by the category of the offence ranging from minor to critical. TfNSW would require details of the offence in order to address the determination of the fine value.

- (4) and (5). This is a matter for the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

* 5190 CUSTOMER SERVICE—FINES FOR TRUCK DRIVERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) At a recent public hearing of the Senate's inquiry into the Australian road transport industry, the committee heard evidence of heavy fines imposed on truck drivers by Transport for NSW for minor indiscretions and discrepancies including spelling mistakes. One driver provided evidence that he was fined \$5000 by Transport for NSW for not giving the yellow copy of one page in his work-diary to himself as an owner-driver. How was this decision reached and how was the fine calculated?
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Answer—

This answer should be referred to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

25 MARCH 2021

(Paper No. 464)

* 5200 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—STAFF IN MINISTERIAL OFFICES—The Hon. Adam Searle to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) Will the Minister provide a list including the following details of all staff in their ministerial office (including public service staff on secondment) since 1 January 2020:
- Staff who have commenced since 1 January 2020
 - Staff who have left since 1 January 2020
 - Job title / position
 - Date of commencement or cessation (where relevant)
 - Total number of staff in the ministerial office currently?

Answer—

There are currently 9 ministerial staff in my office, including the following three who commenced since 1 January 2020;

- Receptionist – commenced 15 September 2020
- Senior Policy Advisor – commenced 9 November 2020
- Director of Government Business in the Legislative Council – commenced 20 April 2020

No staff have separated since 1 January 2020.

* 5203 CUSTOMER SERVICE—STAFF IN MINISTERIAL OFFICES—The Hon. Adam Searle to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—

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 - Staff who have left since 1 January 2020
 - Job title / position

- Date of commencement or cessation (where relevant)
- Total number of staff in the ministerial office currently?

Answer—

Staff who have commenced since 1 January 2020

3 staff members (Senior Policy Adviser, Director of Communications and Executive Assistant/Office Manager)

Staff who have left since 1 January 2020

2 staff members (Director, Technology and Digital Policy and Senior Policy Adviser)

Current Staff: 9

* 5221 CUSTOMER SERVICE—FINE DATA BY SUBURB—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) As per the data held by Revenue NSW outlined in LA Question 5060 (mobile speed cameras fines data), can the following please be provided, for every financial year since 2011-12, to current:
 - (a) Fine data by suburb of camera location, and type of infringement?
 - (b) Fine data by suburb of customer, and type of infringement?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

* 5222 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—FINE DATA BY SUBURB—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) As per the data held by Revenue NSW outlined in LA Question 5060 (mobile speed cameras fines data), can the following please be provided for every financial year since 2011-12 to current:
 - (a) Fine data by suburb of camera location, and type of infringement?
 - (b) Fine data by suburb of customer, and type of infringement?

Answer—

- (1) This data, for offences recorded from 1 January 2015, is available at: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics/All-speeding-andred-light-camera-detected-offences-DSF-010.xlsx>
- (2) See Attachment A.

26 MARCH 2021

(Paper No. 465)

* 5245 CUSTOMER SERVICE—CYBERSECURITY—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What NSW Government departments or agencies play a role in the state's cybersecurity?
 - (a) What role do they play?
- (2) What part of cybersecurity is Resilience NSW involved in providing?

Answer—

- (1) The roles of NSW Government agencies in the prevention of, preparation for, response to, and initial recovery from a cyber-security incident are detailed in the NSW Cyber Security Incident Emergency Sub Plan, which is available at www.emergency.nsw.gov.au

- (2) In accordance with the NSW Cyber Security Incident Emergency Sub Plan, Resilience NSW supports the State Emergency Recovery Controller to coordinate recovery operations following an incident.

* 5247 TREASURER—FIRST HOME BUYERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) For every financial year since 2011-12 to current, what are the number and percentage of property purchases (or stamp duty transactions) who were first home buyers?
- (2) For every financial year since 2011-12 to current, what are the number and total dollar value, of stamp duty exemptions provided to first home buyers?
- (3) For every financial year since 2011-12 to current, what are the number and total dollar value, of first home buyer grants provided to first home buyers?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to QoN 5248 provided by me in my capacity as the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

* 5248 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—FIRST HOME BUYERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

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Answer—

The NSW Government extended the First Home Buyer Assistance Scheme to help support new home construction and create jobs as part of the Government's COVID-19 Recovery Plan. From 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021, first home buyers receive a transfer duty exemption on the purchase of a new home up to the value of \$800,000; a concessional rate of duty applies to new homes up to a value of \$1 million. First home buyers also receive a transfer duty exemption on the purchase of vacant land up to the value of \$400,000; and a concessional rate of duty will apply on vacant land up to a value of \$500,000.

From 1 August 2020 to 28 February 2021, a total of \$341.4 million has been given in exemptions/concessions to 28,130 first home buyers (23.5% of residential property purchasers).

- (1) Data on the total number of residential transfer duty lodgements is available at: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics/Transfer-duty-landrelated-DSD-001.xls>
- (2) This data is publicly available at: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/helpcentre/resourceslibrary/statistics/First-Home-DutyExemptions-by-financial-year-DSG-002.xlsx>
- (3) This data, for grants provided from 1 July 2015 onwards, is publicly available at: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics/First-Home-Owner-Grant-Scheme-by-financial-year-DSG-001.xlsx>

* 5249 TREASURER—CBD HOTEL VOUCHERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Regarding the announcement of \$100 vouchers for CBD accommodation, what are:
 - (a) The total expected number of vouchers to be issued?
 - (b) The total expected number of accommodation stays to be generated?
 - (c) The total expected number of accommodation providers who will benefit?

- (d) The total number of people who will take up a voucher?
 - (e) The scheme opening and closing dates?
 - (f) The total budget allocation to the scheme?
- (2) Will a similar scheme be developed for accommodation providers outside the Sydney CBD?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Funding of up to \$20 million has been allocated for up to 200,000 x \$100 CBD accommodation vouchers will be issued on a “first in, first served” basis with the scheme expected to commence in June 2021.

Accommodation providers will need to register for the program and operate within the City of Sydney to participate. The program has been specifically targeted at assisting recovery of the Sydney CBD economy.

Registration of businesses and application for vouchers will be managed by Service NSW and questions about these processes are best asked of the Minister for Customer Service.

14 APRIL 2021

(Paper No. 476)

5402 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—NEW DAMS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In regards to the statement made by the Minister for Water, Property and Housing in the Daily Telegraph on 11 April 2021 that the Government does not “want to be a one trick pony but integrate infrastructure like the delivery of new dams in NSW, increasing the capacity of existing storages, supporting water delivery efficiency and conservation, water re-use and recycling project”:
- (a) How many dams have been constructed in New South Wales since this Government assumed office?
 - (b) When were these dams constructed?
 - (c) How many dams are currently under construction?
 - (d) Where are these dams being constructed?
 - (e) When will the construction of these dams be completed?
 - (f) Is there an allocation in this year’s budget for dam construction in New South Wales?
If so:
 - (i) How much has been allocated?
 - (ii) How many dams is the Government planning to build?
 - (iii) Where will these dams be located?

5403 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SCOPE 1 EMISSIONS - CUMULATIVE IMPACTS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What was the cumulative volume of Scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions from coal mines in New South Wales per annum, for each of the last five years for which data is available?

5404 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—SCOPE 1 EMISSIONS - CUMULATIVE IMPACTS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What was the cumulative volume of Scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions from coal mines in New South Wales per annum, for each of the last five years for which data is available?

5405 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SCOPE 2 EMISSIONS - CUMULATIVE IMPACTS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What was the cumulative volume of Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions attributable to coal mines in New South Wales per annum, for each of the last five years for which data is available?

5406 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—SCOPE 2 EMISSIONS - CUMULATIVE IMPACTS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What was the cumulative volume of Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions attributable to coal mines in New South Wales per annum, for each of the last five years for which data is available?

5407 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SCOPE 1 AND 2 EMISSIONS - REQUIRED CARBON OFFSETS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many currently operating coal mines in New South Wales are required to offset any of the Scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions that cannot be avoided or mitigated by the mine owners?
 - (a) Please name each mine and the volume of the Scope 1 emissions required to be offset?
- (2) How many currently operating coal mines in NSW are required to offset any of the Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions that cannot be avoided or mitigated by the mine owners?
 - (a) Please name each mine and the volume of the Scope 2 emissions required to be offset?

5408 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SCOPE 1 AND 2 EMISSIONS - VOLUNTARY CARBON OFFSETS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many currently operating coal mines in New South Wales voluntarily offset Scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions that cannot be avoided or mitigated by the mine owners?
 - (a) Please name each mine and the volume of the Scope 1 emissions required to be offset?
- (2) How many currently operating coal mines in New South Wales voluntarily offset Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions that cannot be avoided or mitigated by the mine owners?
 - (a) Please name each mine and the volume of the Scope 2 emissions required to be offset?

5409 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—AIR QUALITY AND GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many coal mines currently operating in New South Wales are implementing air quality and greenhouse gas management plans?
 - (a) Please name each mine and type of plan?
 - (b) How many of these air quality management plans include measures to reduce greenhouse gases?
- (2) Does the Government track actual greenhouse gas emissions reductions, per annum, that are achieved by individual air quality and greenhouse gas management plans?
 - (a) If not, how does the Government measure any reduction in Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions as a result of conditions of consent imposed on these mines?
 - (b) If so, is this information available per mine, per greenhouse gas emission reduction measure?

- (3) Does the Government track annual cumulative volume of greenhouse gas emissions reductions, per annum, achieved by air quality and greenhouse gas management plans at coal mines across the state?
- (a) If so, what were the cumulative reductions achieved in each of the three last years which data is available?
- (b) Is a breakdown of this data per coal mine available?
- (i) If so, please provide the breakdown of this data?

5410 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—MOUNT PLEASANT OPERATION AIR QUALITY AND GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In regards to the ‘Mount Pleasant Operation Air Quality And Greenhouse Gas Management Plan’ (found at <https://machenergyaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Mount-Pleasant-Operation-Air-Quality-and-Greenhouse-Gas-Management-Plan-1.pdf>), page 1 says that the “primary source of greenhouse gas emissions at the MPO [Mount Pleasant Operation]” is from the combustion of diesel fuel. Page 34 says that greenhouse gas emissions at the Mount Pleasant Operation “will be minimised through the efficient use of diesel fuel by the mobile fleet” and that this will be achieved by:
- Optimising the design of haul roads to minimise the distance travelled between the pit and the CHPP.
 - Minimising the re-handling of material (i.e. coal, overburden and topsoil).
 - Maintaining the fleet in good operating order.”
- (a) Does the Government know what reductions, if any, in greenhouse gas emissions were achieved as a result of the implementation of the three measures described above at the Mount Pleasant Operation?
- (i) If so, what volume of greenhouse gas emissions reduction (t CO₂-e) was achieved per measure for the last calendar year for which data is available?

5411 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—REPORTING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AIR QUALITY AND GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Is there any requirement for a coal mine to report the volume and percentage of actual greenhouse gas emissions that may or may not occur as a result of the implementation of Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plans?
- (a) If so, what is the requirement?
- (i) Is there any penalty in not complying?
- (b) If not, what measures does the Government take to know what measurable reductions have or have not occurred?
- (2) What steps does the Government take when the implementation of measures in an Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan increases greenhouse gas emissions?
- (3) Is the Government aware of an increase in greenhouse gas emissions from electricity consumption, diesel and LPG usage at Mangoola’s current operations by approximately 4 percent from 2018 to 2019?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, what action has the Government taken?
- (c) If so, will this lead to measurable decreases in emission in the next year of operation?

5412 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—MITIGATION OF FUGITIVE EMISSIONS FROM COAL MINES IN NSW—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Are any of the following coal mine methane mitigation technologies considered to be ‘reasonable and feasible’ measures to mitigate fugitive emissions from coal mines in New South Wales?
 - VAMMIT - a compact flow reversal reactor with a newly-structured regenerative bed to destroy methane in a cost-effective manner?
 - VAMCAP - a capture and enrichment unit which essentially collects and separates the methane from the ventilated air using carbon composites
 - VAMCAT - uses a catalytic combustion gas turbine to create electricity from an otherwise waste product.
- (a) If not, please explain why for each option?
- (2) Are there other coal mine methane or coal mine fugitive emission mitigation technologies that the Government considers to be ‘reasonable and feasible’ mitigation measures?
 - (a) If so, please list them?
- (3) Is it possible for new underground coal mine approvals to be subject to conditions which require fugitive emissions to be either 100 percent flared, oxidized or combusted using one of the available ventilation air methane (VAM) technologies?
 - (a) If so, is this something the Government will adopt as a policy?
 - (b) If not, what are the barriers to such a requirement?

5413 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—ELECTRICITY DEMAND FROM THE NSW MINING SECTOR—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales electricity demand comes from the mining sector?
- (2) What percentage of New South Wales electricity demand comes from the coal mining sector?

5414 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—LANDCOM PURCHASE OF LAND—The Hon. Adam Searle to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) When did you become aware of the longstanding personal relationship between Mr John Brogden, CEO of Landcom, and Mr Peter Brennan, CEO of Bradcorp?
- (2) Were you aware of that relationship before the approval was given for Landcom to buy land at North Wilton from Bradcorp for \$257.5 million?
- (3) How did you become aware of the relationship between Mr Brogden and Mr Brennan?
 - (a) What did you do, on becoming aware of the relationship?
- (4) As shareholding Minister for Landcom, what knowledge did you have of the purchase by Landcom of the North Wilton land from Bradcorp before it occurred?
- (5) Did you sign off on the proposed purchase in any way?
 - (a) If so, were you aware of the relationship between Mr Brogden and Mr Brennan at the time?
- (6) It has been reported by the Sydney Morning Herald in its article “Landcom paid \$100m over odds for town site”, that Landcom’s “board and the government’s expenditure review committee approved the transaction”. Did you take this matter to the expenditure review committee?

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 - (a) If so, were you aware of the relationship between Mr Brogden and Mr Brennan at the time?
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5416 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—LANDCOM PURCHASE OF LAND—The Hon. Adam Searle to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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- (2) Were you aware of that relationship before the approval was given for Landcom to buy land at North Wilton from Bradcorp for \$257.5 million?
- (3) How did you become aware of the relationship between Mr Brogden and Mr Brennan?
 - (a) What did you do, on becoming aware of the relationship?
- (4) As shareholding Minister for Landcom, what knowledge did you have of the purchase by Landcom of the North Wilton land from Bradcorp before it occurred?
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